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Military Information from Wurzen

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REMARKS

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1. From 23 December 1952 to 2 January 1953, the Flak Kaserne in Wurzen was occupied by an estimated 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia or artillery insignia, and about 60 women wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 80 officers were in the installation. On 26 December, several groups of 4 to 6 soldiers were engaged in individual field training and firing practices in the training area.

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2. On 30 December, the Flak Kaserne in Wurzen was occupied by an estimated 1,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia or tank insignia. Between 120 and 150 soldiers received formation drill in the barracks yard. Two officers and 24 soldiers practiced on three AT guns in the training field near the installation. Truck occupied by eight soldiers and towing a 57-mm AT gun left the installation toward the training area. Sedan occupied by an artillery colonel and motor vehicles were seen driving to the installation.

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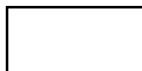
3. From 5 to 17 January, the Flak Kaserne in Wurzen was occupied by an estimated 1,000 to 1,100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, about one third of them with tank insignia. On 5 January, a T-34 tank was seen entering the installation. An estimated 40 to 50 motor vehicles were in the garages. Between 9:30 and 11 a.m. on 6 January, 2 officers and 80 to 90 soldiers were engaged in drilling northwest of the installation. At 11 a.m. on 10 January, about 50 to 60 soldiers were drilling at the drill ground. At 10:30 a.m. on 17 January, about 120 unarmed soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen entering the installation, coming from the town.

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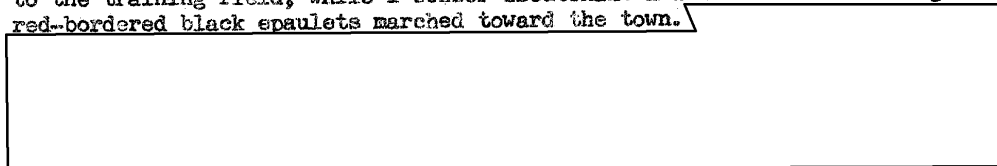
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Prior to 13 January, the Flak Kaserne in Wurzen was occupied by an estimated 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including about 300 with tank insignia. Between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 3 January, 50 to 60 soldiers equipped with rifles and submachine guns and organized into groups were observed practicing in the training field, while about 80 soldiers were engaged in service of the piece drill on 6 x 76.2-mm ZIS-3 AT guns and aiming practices with 8 x 120-mm mortars and 4 heavy machine guns. At 9 a.m. on 7 January, 10 trucks occupied by about 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and towing 76.2-mm AT guns were in the training area. About 50 soldiers received training on 5 x 120-mm mortars and about 15 soldiers on 3 heavy machine guns. About 70 soldiers received field training and 40 soldiers were engaged in aiming practices with rifles. Ten soldiers were seen maintaining 8 trucks and 3 sedans in front of the garages in the installation. At 11 a.m. on 13 January, 40 soldiers were engaged in training in firing and 30 soldiers practicing lining up in the training area west of the installation. One captain and 35 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia marched from the installation to the training field, while 1 senior lieutenant and 18 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets marched toward the town.



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